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One Hundred Years of Godly Heroes

by Dr. Paul Dixon

Allan Bloom, professor at the University of Chicago, has authored a blockbuster, best-selling book entitled *The Closing of the American Mind*. In this stimulating volume he addresses how higher education has failed democracy and has impoverished the souls of today's students. One of Bloom's contentions is that today's collegians have no heroes.

George Roche, the president of Hillsdale College, has written *A World Without Heroes*, which he calls a modern tragedy. In the foreword to this book, Russell Kirk defines "hero" from the Old Century Dictionary as "a man of distinguished valor, intrepidity, or enterprise in danger; a prominent or central personage in any remarkable action or event; one who exhibits extraordinary courage, firmness, fortitude, or intellectual greatness in the course of action."

By this definition we have every right to call those men and women of Hebrews, chapter 11, heroes and heroines. W.E. Vine says to be godly is "to be devout, denotes that piety which, characterized by a Godward attitude, does that which is well-pleasing to Him." We certainly may add the descriptor "godly" to those heroes and heroines of the faith.

We find godly heroes throughout the Bible. Praise God for our godly models in Abraham, David, Deborah, Paul, Peter, Mary, Martha, and the seemingly unending list.

We also have our Edwards, Spurgeons, Wesleys, Whitfields, Crosbys, Ketchams, Jacksons, and a host of others.

This year, as we are celebrating our Centennial at Cedarville, we have focused on those special heroes in the life and ministry of the College. It has been truly a grand year of celebration and thanksgiving to God for His bountiful blessings. We have reflected in a special way on those five godly Reformed Presbyterians who founded Cedarville College — Rev. J.F. Morton, Thomas Gibson, Richard Park, Hugh McCollum, Jr., and Hugh McMillan.

In their honor, we have renamed the first building constructed on our campus (1895) Founders Hall.

In those early years God raised up two godly Presbyterian presidents whose tenures spanned nearly 50 years. They were Rev. David McKinney and Dr. Wilbert McChesney. In his inaugural address in 1915, Dr. McChesney said, "Cedarville College was founded in prayer, has been maintained in faith, and supported by sacrifice; and long after this generation shall have run its race, Cedarville College will live to enrich the nation, gladden the church, and bless the world."

Our college cannot speak of our godly heroes without mentioning Frank A. Jurkat who was the only man to serve on the faculty during both the Presbyterian and the Baptist eras. He taught Latin, Greek, Hebrew, French, German, and history at Cedarville College for 58 years. On one occasion, the students said of Jurkat in their yearbook, "We humbly thank God for the fellowship He has privileged us to have with this one who has meant so much to our school."

Two of our godliest heroes have been James and Ruby Jeremiah. From those early days of struggle in 1953 when Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland moved to the Cedarville College campus until now, they have been the driving force behind this Christian college. There would be no Cedarville without them. These two dedicated, humble, godly people have crossed our paths, shaped our lives, and greatly influenced our college. This year's Centennial yearbook, the *Miracle*, is affectionately dedicated to our modern-day heroes, James and Ruby Jeremiah.

Long is the list and deep the appreciation for a host of others who are our godly heroes at Cedarville College — many trustees, administrators, faculty, staff, students, alumni, donors, and prayer warriors.

We give thanks to God for His godly heroes at Cedarville College during these past 100 years.

A Model of Godliness



by Dr. Jack R. Riggs

Can people be like God? Can they be godlike or godly?

This question is a perplexing one, since human beings are finite creatures — even we Christians!

It is obvious that we cannot be like God in His attributes of knowing everything, possessing all power, and being everywhere present at once. But can other attributes of God be incorporated into our characters? Would we then be godly?

The question of godliness is not purely an academic one, for we Christians are commanded to seek after it (I Tim. 6:11). And God's grace teaches us to live godly in this present world (Titus 2:12).

The fact is that only Christians can be godly. Godliness is a lifestyle peculiar to Christians, for it has its roots in an intimate, personal knowledge of Jesus Christ and the possession of His divine nature (II Pet. 1:3-4). When we come to know God through Jesus Christ, we are provided with all the divine enablement which we need to live godly lives. This is the divine nature about which Peter spoke.

What does the godly lifestyle encompass? It is an attitude of devotion to God and consequent right conduct. It manifests itself in love toward God and love toward man and those things which God loves. Thereby it honors and glorifies God, encourages other believers, elicits a verdict from the unsaved, and provides the confidence that a Christian is in God's will.

Just as godliness is a lifestyle, so is ungodliness. In fact, we can learn something about godliness from the Scriptures' description of its antithesis — ungodliness. Paul described ungodliness as a lack of reverence toward God (Rom. 1:18). The ungodly are sinners (I Pet. 4:18). They are not equipped to live in reverence and honor to God. Consequently, they are immoral persons who deny the truth of God, especially concerning Jesus Christ (Jude 4). The deeds and words of the ungodly are characterized as being ungodly (Jude 15). Their doom is certain, for God reserves them for the future day of eternal judgment (II Pet. 3:7). The only gain for them is the righteous judgment of the God Whom they choose not to reverence.

Again, can Christians be like God? Without a doubt. It is a matter of choice. To assist us, God has given Christians a model of godliness to follow: He Himself has appeared in a human body and thereby has provided us with the exact pattern of godliness which we need to emulate. Jesus Christ is that special revelation.

Paul wrote that there is a great "mystery of godliness" (I Tim. 3:16). Unknown and unknowable until Jesus Christ came into the world, the mystery revealed is that godliness is exemplified in Christ. We now have the model of godliness, and an examination of some of His earthly life will clarify for us the traits we are to imitate.

Godliness has its roots in an intimate, personal knowledge of Jesus Christ and in the possession of His divine nature....

Jesus testified that the very purpose for His coming down from heaven was to do God's will (John 6:38). Thus, the Son of God exemplified the godly life through His obedience to the Heavenly Father. Godliness and obedience to God go hand in hand.

Jesus revered the Father, as was evidenced by His worship and service to God (Luke 4:8). He attended the synagogue and the temple and, on one occasion, His zeal for God led Him to drive the religious merchants from the temple. A godly Christian is a reverent person who is faithful to God with his worship and his revenues.

Jesus further exemplified godliness both through His own prayer life and in what He taught about prayer. Withdrawing often to pray (Luke 5:16), His prayer encompassed others, as when He prayed for Peter's recovery from his failure (Luke 22:31-32). Following the

pattern of Jesus, godly Christians pray often, and not solely for themselves.

Another of Jesus' traits was His forgiveness of those who rejected His ministry. Even on the cross He expressed God's love for sinners in His prayer for forgiveness for those who crucified Him (Luke 23:34). The godly life demands that Christians forgive those who wrong them.

Jesus exhibited great gentleness for so powerful a man (Matt. 11:29). He rebuked two of His disciples on one occasion when they desired the destruction of a Samaritan village because of the citizens' lack of hospitality to the Lord (Luke 9:51-56). Gentleness is not sissiness. It is a virtue of godliness.

Jesus' godliness was also evidenced in His concern for others and in His humble service to them. He illustrated this when He washed His disciples' feet and instructed them to do to each other as He had done to them (John 13:12-17). Even as He hung on the cross, His concern for His mother continued as He committed her to the care of another (John 19:25-27). As He served others, He expressed His love for those the Father loved. The godly life is an other-centered life, putting self second.

Jesus was truth personified. He criticized the Pharisees for their hypocrisy. Playing religion was so offensive that He likened them to whitewashed tombs (Matt. 23:27). Their doctrine was unsound as they used outward piety as a means to gain God's favor. Godliness is not a show of shallow seriousness about God. Rather, sincere, godly believers tell the truth about sin to others and to themselves.

Christ also refused to conform to the religious prejudices of the Pharisees which enforced separation from tax collectors, prostitutes, and other social outcasts (Matt. 9:10-11). He stated that His mission was to seek out and to save the lost (Luke 19:10). For that reason He made contact with those who were ostracized by the Pharisees. True righteousness exceeds by far the legal righteousness of the Pharisees in that only trust in Jesus Christ brings salvation (Acts 4:12). Christ witnessed to both the Pharisees and to those scorned by them. He was not contaminated by either. The godly believer reaches out to sinners whoever they might be.

Unquestionably, godliness has value for Christians today. At this present time, godliness brings honor to God and satisfaction to a Christian in knowing that he is doing God's will. But the godly also have hope for the future (I Tim. 4:8), knowing that they are exempt from the day of God's judgment (II Pet. 2:9). Delivered from eternal judgment through God's grace, the godly will live in the new order of things. For that reason the coming of the Lord is an incentive to live in a godly fashion today. Hence we can look forward to the future not with dread but with great expectation (II Peter 3:11-13).

We Christians indeed can and ought to live godly lives in this present world. As possessors of the divine nature of God, we have the Word of God for our instruction and the Lord Jesus Christ as our example.

You Can Be Godly!



by W. David Warren

We live in a "soft" a time, in which we tend to be very easy on ourselves and on our sin. I think we tend toward peaceful co-existence with our sin. We grow to a certain extent as believers and then level off. Our self-imposed ceiling is couched in such phrases as, "I'm only human," and "You can't expect perfection this side of glory," or "This far and no farther; you can't get blood out of a turnip."

Such softness reveals our failure to grasp and to be grasped by the teaching of the Scriptures about sin. Instead of peacefully co-existing with our sin, we must rather come to hate it. "Ye that love the Lord hate evil" (Ps. 97:10). Rather than growing used to our sin, we must grow out of it. We are supposed to be aspiring to a true godliness with all of our energies. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matt. 5:48) still applies to the eighties.

Nor will such high and holy aspirations lead inevitably to frustration. Our God has provided "all things that pertain to life and godliness" (II Peter 1:4). It is inconceivable that a holy God would give us His holy Word and His Holy Spirit and, in doing so, not equip us completely for a holy life. He even ordered us to be "holy as he is holy"

(I Peter 1:16). We possess, however, more than just a hollow command to move us in the direction of holiness. We also have some very specific equipment to enable us for godly living. Here it comes....

A LEGAL STATUS

Our situation is much like that of the restoration Jews struggling to rebuild the Temple. They had every legal right to begin construction because the decree of King Cyrus had legitimized their activities. When neighboring enemies called into question their right to build, they caved in to the pressure unnecessarily and lost some 20 years in bringing the project to its completion. Now there was no logical or legal reason for this; the decree of Cyrus was on their side. The ministries of Haggai and Zechariah rekindled their efforts, which were substantiated by the discovery in Ecbatana of the legal documents confirming their right to build.

What does this have to do with us and a godly lifestyle? We, too, have a legal, rightful basis on which to build a godly life. We are not being presumptuous to suppose that we can attain holiness. We have a firm legal footing.

I refer, of course, to the truth of justification. In justification we are completely identified with Christ in heaven's perspective. God places us "in Christ." We have been crucified, buried, made alive, resurrected, ascended, and seated with Him in the heavenlies. Our sins are imparted to Him and His righteousness is imputed to us. This is not a legal fiction but rather a true transferral of our failure to Christ and His righteousness to us.

Please note it — we now enjoy a new position in Christ. This new position provides the legal basis for triumph over sin; we now have the legal right to actualize in our experience a holy lifestyle. Because we have been declared righteous, we now can move in the direction of a righteous lifestyle.

Was this not Paul's contention in Romans 6? He reminds us of our justified position in Christ and gives us the reason for it — "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin" (6:6). According to verses 11 and 12, because we have died to sin and are now alive to God (in Christ), we are not to permit sin to reign in our mortal bodies. Sin must not have dominion over us because we have a new position in Christ, a newness of life, which sets us free from servitude to sin.

For whatever reasons those restoration Jews caved in to their opponents and stopped building, they did not need to. Cyrus' decree validated their construction efforts. In the same way we need not cave in to our sin. God's decree has made legitimate our attempts at godly living. We do not have to sin; we sin because we think we have to or because we want to. Let us stop being intimidated by our own failure; the basis for victory is already in place.

AN INNER RESOURCE

Admittedly, an unseen verdict in the heavens may seem quite distant and far removed from our current struggle with sin. To speak of a legal decree also may sound rather impersonal. Accordingly, we need to remind ourselves that God has provided the person of the Holy Spirit to enable us in our attempts at godly living. He is neither distant nor impersonal, for as the third Person of the Trinity He is permanently present within every believer in Christ. Next to the Savior Himself, the Holy Spirit is the Father's most precious gift to us.

Not a few verses link the presence of the Holy Spirit within us to a godly lifestyle. Note these...

"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death" (Romans 8:2).

"That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Romans 8:4).

"This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh" (Galatians 5:16).

Because Galatians 5:16 has been so bracing in my own spiritual experience, I want to develop Paul's thought for a moment. He issues a command: "Walk in the Spirit," and follows it up with the consequence of obeying that command: "Ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."

And what does it mean to walk in the Spirit? A good question. Walking connotes dependence. When we walk physically, we are continuously depending on our feet and legs to hold the weight of our upper body. We probably are not always conscious of just how dependent we are on these lower parts, but will be quickly reminded if we twist an ankle or pull a muscle.

Similarly, Paul commands us to be consciously dependent on the Holy Spirit. We need to admit our

need of Him. The figure of walking is a most appropriate one, for it pictures a daily activity which is perfected with practice. Such is our relationship with the Spirit.

Depending on the Spirit is the opposite of depending upon ourselves. Self-dependence will produce either a cocky arrogance born of pride or a sense of despair born of failure. Neither of these two attitudes is biblical. Walking in the Spirit means that we will be trusting Him for victory rather than ourselves. We are not like the proverbial little train that chugged its way up the hill puffing, "I think I can, I think I can." Rather, our attitude must be "I know He can, I know He can in and through me."

What a happy consequence results from such a dependent attitude — "Ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." Victory over sin in any and every form! A holy lifestyle! The grammar in the verb emphasizes the certainty of this victory and could very properly be rendered, "Ye shall by no means fulfill" or "No way will you fulfill." The evil desires lurking within us can be defeated by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. He is our marvelous inner resource for godly living. Those who walk in His ability will find the righteousness of the law fulfilled in them.

A POTENT WEAPON

Of course, the only way that we know of our legal status and this internal resource is through the Word of God. Dare I then omit any reference to the Scriptures themselves? How potent a weapon we have for snapping the allurements of sin. Even our Lord used it in that way when He defeated Satan with the simple formula "It is written." The Bible is a potent force in the battle against sin.

Memorized Scripture quoted at the opportune moment can keep the believer's thinking straight and prevent him from falling into sin. The old saying is still true, "This book will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from this book." The Scriptures and sin are mutually exclusive; they mix like cats and dogs, like oil and water.

When Paul enjoins us to put on the whole armor of God in Ephesians 6, he includes in our weaponry the Word of God. The term he uses for "word" refers to a spoken rather than to a written word. God's Word becomes a potent weapon as we speak it out in crucial situations when temptation is raging about us or within us. This means we must know it, memorize it, review it, and quote it as needed. God's Word breathed out by us under the duress of temptation goes a long way toward blunting the edge of Satan's thrusts. It will effectively short-circuit temptation's power.

FINALLY

Christians, we are on the victory side! Godliness is attainable! We have the legal right, the inner resource of the Holy Spirit, and the potent weapon of the Word. Let's think like winners and live victoriously, taking full advantage of all God has provided.

You can be godly — He promised!

God's Training Rules for Godliness

by
Dr. Richard D. Durham

The summer Olympics! The parade of athletes! The excitement of competition! The thrill of the winners as the gold medals are presented! The agony of defeat!

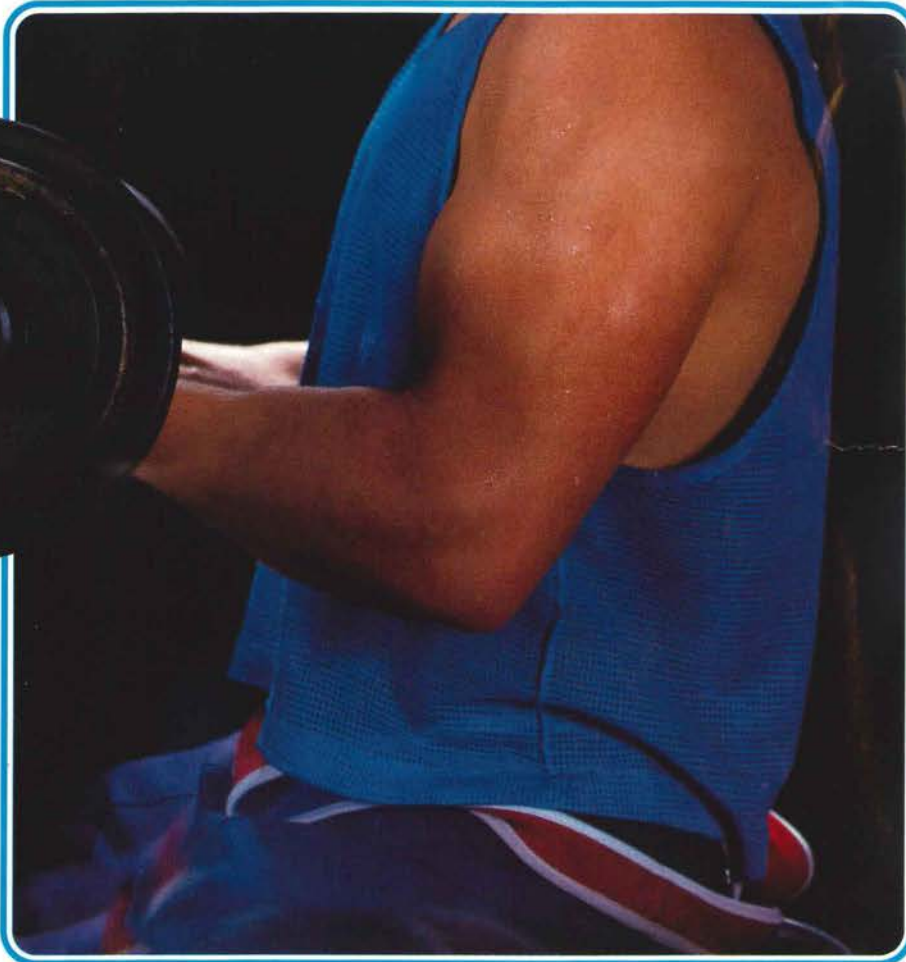
Who hasn't enjoyed watching such a spectacle? But do the participants just happen to be good athletes? The answer is an emphatic "No!" They train, they work hard, they agonize, they discipline themselves, and they practice, practice, practice!

We are told that athletes who participated in the Isthmian and Olympian games of the Apostle Paul's day had to spend a full ten months in daily, rigorous training in order to qualify for the competition.

Paul charged Timothy to "...follow after (pursue, strive for)... godliness..." (I Tim. 6:11). Pursuit demands effort. But before a Christian can pursue godliness, he needs to know what he is pursuing.

The word "godliness" is made up of two Greek words: one that speaks of worship; the other of doing it well. Thus, to be godly is to "worship well." It describes a healthy spiritual life and speaks of a Christian who has made God the very center of his life by presenting his body a living sacrifice to God, and who is continually seeking to glorify God in all he does. Godliness is defined as piety which, characterized by a God-ward attitude, does that which is well-pleasing to Him. To put it succinctly, godliness is the life-long pursuit of Christ-likeness.

How is this godliness — this lifestyle that is God-centered and God-glorifying — attained? Paul commanded Timothy: "Exercise thyself... unto godliness" (I Tim. 4:7).



The verb "exercise" (v. 7) and its noun form in verse 8 were used to refer to the on-going training program required of athletes in Paul's day. Godliness also requires an on-going training program that involves several basic disciplines.

1. Get adequate rest. An athlete does not have the stamina nor the ability to perform well if he does not get enough sleep. Strength is renewed when the body is at rest.

Spiritual rest, for the Christian, is obtained in prayer. An old hymn reminds us that praying does indeed rest the weary. Prayer calls for trust, and trust implies dependence on, and submission to, God. David reminds us that we are to "...trust in the Lord" (Ps. 37:3) and to "...rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him" (Ps. 37:7). Isaiah promises: "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" (Is. 40:31). They who would soar on eagle's wings in the heavenly atmosphere of godliness must learn to

wait on the Lord in prayer.

The early church understood the vital importance of this discipline, for "...they continued stedfastly in... prayers" (Acts 2:42). The apostles gave themselves continually to prayer (Acts 6:4) and as a result "...the Word of God increased; and the number of disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly" (Acts 6:7). If we today would have the endurance to finish the race set before us, and to finish it successfully, if we would be godly people, we must exercise ourselves in prayer.

2. Eat a well-balanced diet. A number of years ago the prescribed diet for athletes preparing for an athletic contest was steak. A diet high in protein was assumed to be essential. Today the emphasis is on a well-balanced diet including all of the essential nutritional elements in proper proportions. The good health and physical stamina of an athlete are dependent on a well-balanced diet.

A training rule for the Christian involves a kind of diet. What a Christian feeds his mind will largely determine the degree of transformation — godliness — he experiences in his Christian life. Paul reminds us that "whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Phil. 4:8). The mind-renewing process is promoted by reading good books — books written by Christians to instruct and edify believers. But even more important in this on-going process of attaining godliness is a steady diet of the Word of God. We are to feed on the "milk of the word" (I Pet. 2:2) and the solid food of the Word (Heb. 5:14) if we are to be properly trained in godliness.

Two meals, one day a week, would hardly promote the well-being of an athlete. Yet many Christians hear two sermons on Sunday, never open their Bibles during the week, and seem content for the rest of their lives to limp along the track of the Christian race. It is the Word of God that the Spirit of God uses to sanctify us (John 17:17), and to make us more like the Son of God (II Cor. 3:18). The Word of God must be a daily part of our training program if we are going to be godly people.

3. Eliminate harmful and hindering habits. It is apparent in today's athletic scene that one of the athlete's biggest challenges is what he or she will do with drugs. The disqualification of those athletes who are caught using drugs, the rehabilitation programs available for those who want freedom from the drug habit, and the "Just Say No" to drugs campaign all remind us that athletes cannot perform well nor do their best if they are engulfed by harmful habits.

Neither can the Christian live a godly, Christ-honoring life if his life is plagued with harmful or hindering habits. The writer of Hebrews exhorts believers to "...lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us..." (Heb. 12:1), and reminds us that we "...have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin" (Heb. 12:4). Sin is an ever-present threat to our best efforts, and we must struggle against it. Therefore we are to "...lay aside" (take off, get rid of) sins that easily ensnare us and anything that would impede or slow us down as we run the Christian race.

The Christian who is serious about training for godliness must deal not only with sin but also with priorities. The use of time, the things we read and watch, the hobbies we pursue are things — innocent things presumably — that can be potential hindrances. Indeed, if close examination reveals them to be hindrances, they must be laid aside in order to effectively pursue the higher goal of godliness.

4. Practice! Practice! Practice! The TV scene pictures an athlete alone in an empty gym or stadium, practicing long after others have left. Coaches, during the practice sessions, are constantly going over the fundamentals of the game with the players.

I was given a plaque inscribed with the following: "Lord, help me to remember that the race is not always to the swift, but to those who keep on running." This so-called "Jogger's Prayer" reminds us that in our pursuit of godliness we must be "...stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord..." (I Cor. 15:58). We are to run "...with patience (endurance) the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1). The Christian who is serious about godliness will continue to work and witness for the Lord as necessary and on-going exercises in godliness. Spasmodic service for Christ does not meet the need to practice, practice, practice. Paul put it this way: "Go on running in such a way as to obtain the prize" (I Cor. 9:24).

5. Obey the rules. In any organized athletic competition there are rules that govern the event. To break those rules is to risk being disqualified. Failure to maintain a certain grade level in academics has "benched" many college athletes.

In training for godliness Paul said that he exercised self-discipline, lest after he had preached to others, he should be disqualified (I Cor. 9:27). He stressed the importance of obeying the rule book (the Word of God): "And if a man also strive for masteries (enter an athletic contest), yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully" (II Tim. 2:5). It is one thing to know what to do. It is another to do it. Peter tells us that obedience and godly living are inseparable (I Pet. 1:14-15).

6. Keep your eyes on the goal. A runner is not likely to win the race if he keeps looking back at his opponents. He must keep his eyes fixed on the goal.

In the pursuit of godliness, we are motivated and encouraged to fix our eyes on Him Who is our goal and our Exemplar. We are to "...run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith" (Heb. 12:1-2). Godliness is a goal which is never fully attained in this life. Yet someday, at the end of the race, we shall see Him in person and shall be like Him (I John 3:2).

No, a Christian does not automatically become a godly person because of his personal faith in Christ. Godliness is not inherited, but God will certainly do His part to help His children be godly (Phil. 2:13). Godliness is acquired and calls for the cooperative effort of the child of God. It requires discipline and training. It takes time and consistent, daily effort. But it is well worth the time and effort invested. Paul says that "...godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come" (I Tim. 4:8).

After God's Own Heart

If I could be like God in any area of my life, it would be my heart. If only my heart was like God's heart.

Too often I do not choose to have such a heart. Like the Apostle Paul, I too struggle to live godly. He said "...but I am carnal [unspiritual].... For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I" (Romans 7:14,15). Furthermore, this great saint laments, "So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me." (verse 21 NIV). Three verses later he cries, "O wretched man that I am!"

Paul struggled with his "fleshly" choices just as I do. But he also recognized that victory lies in godly choices made in the mind. Paul confidently said, "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God..." (Romans 7:25).

Interestingly, Solomon linked the mind and the heart when he said, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he..." (Proverbs 23:7).

Can my heart be like God's heart as I make godly choices in my mind? Consider David.

Paul states in Acts 13:22 that "He [God] raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also He gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will."

How could Paul describe David as a man after God's own heart? He knew that David had not lived a perfect life. In fact, David committed heinous sins (adultery and murder) which led to disastrous consequences. Notice that God's testimony about David had not changed from the time before David was anointed king to this point many years after his death. God's testimony was that He still considered David to be a man after His own heart. The reason He could still say this was because of the quality and quantity of David's choices.

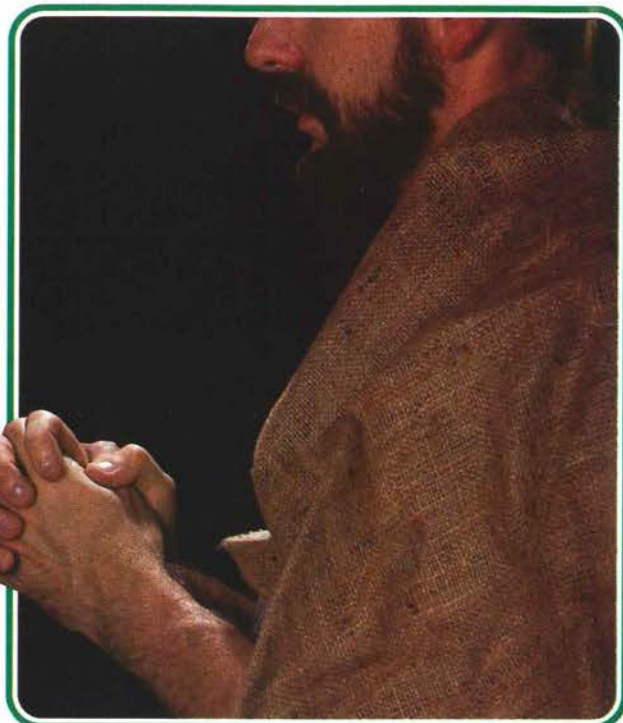
David chose to admit his sin before God and to accept God's forgiveness: "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness; according to thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions... For I acknowledge my transgressions... Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight..." (Psalm 51:1-4). He abhorred the thought of broken fellowship with God.

In fact, David's heart longed for fellowship with God. To say that David was a very busy man is a great understatement. He was, at various times in his life, a shepherd, professional musician, poet, hymn-writer, warrior, and king. Yet David consistently chose to spend time alone with God. "My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up." Psalm 119 clearly expresses David's love for the Word of God.

God's testimony about David in Acts 13:22 was that

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this man after His own heart would "...fulfill all my will." God was commending David for having a right heart because of his willingness to choose to do the will of God. This is in marked contrast to David's predecessor, Saul, who had to be reminded by Samuel, "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." Samuel also had to tell King Saul, "Thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord hath rejected thee from being king over Israel" (1 Samuel 15:22,26).

David was a man after God's own heart because of his godly choices. These included, among other things, his willingness to confess sin, to spend time fellowshiping with God, and to do the will of the Lord. As we make these same choices in our lives, we can also be men and women after God's own heart.

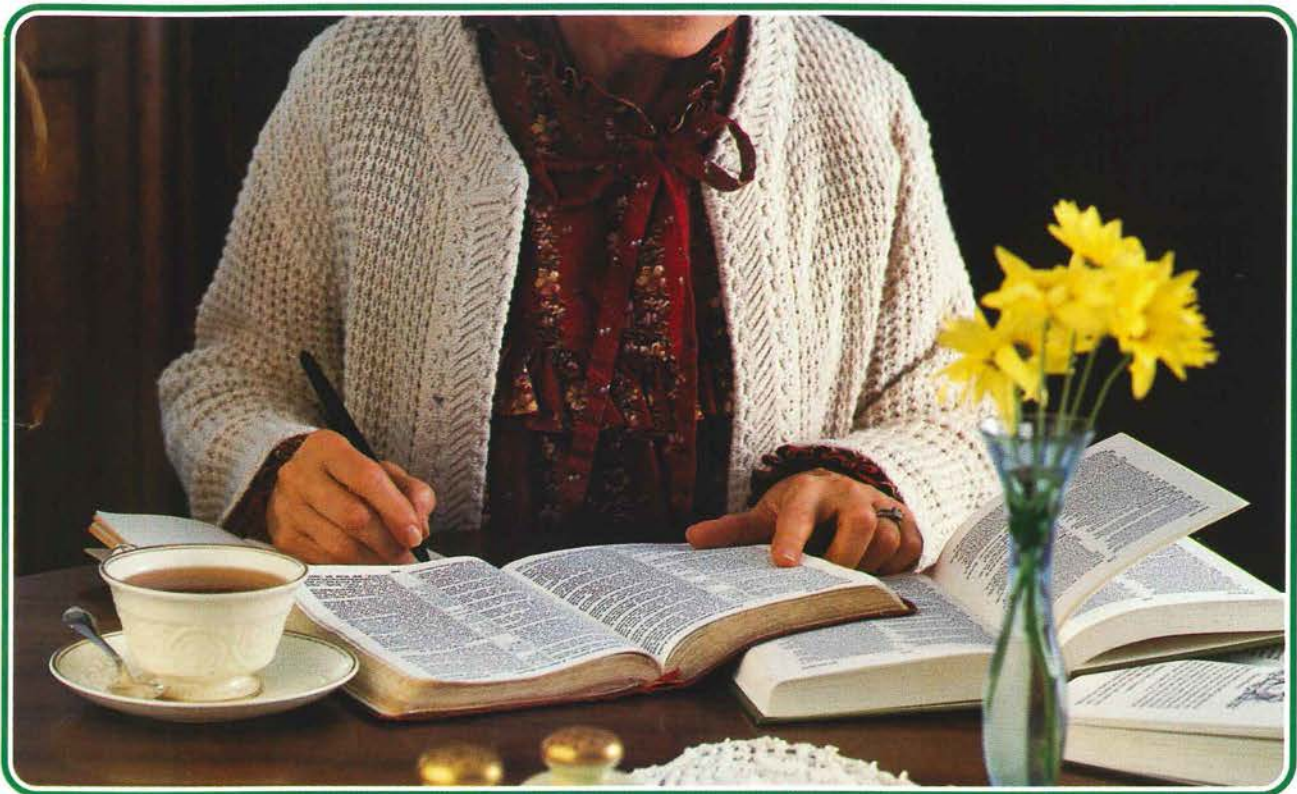
The words of this hymnwriter express my own prayer:

Oh, to be like Thee! blessed Redeemer,
This is my constant longing and prayer,
Gladly I'll forfeit all of earth's treasures,
Jesus, Thy perfect likeness to wear.

Oh, to be like Thee!
Oh, to be like Thee, blessed Redeemer, pure as
Thou art!
Come in Thy sweetness, come in Thy fullness;
Stamp Thine own image deep on my heart.

Christlike in Word and Deed

by Jean Fisher



How can I describe her? A student of the Word. One who adorned the doctrine of God. Christlike in word and deed. A woman who prayed consistently, earnestly, out of a pure heart. A faithful steward of God's gifts. One who enjoyed humor and laughter. An encourager. A friend.

Who was she? She was my high school Sunday school teacher. Ruth Underwood was a former high school geometry teacher, a wife, homemaker, and mother who was saved in her late twenties. She was asked to teach a Sunday school class and was overwhelmed by her inadequacy. Recalling the experience, she said, "I went before God and told Him I didn't know how to teach others His Word, but that if this was His task for me, He would have to teach me to teach."

Each morning after her husband left for work and her son for school, the kitchen table became a holy place where time was spent in prayer and study. Over the years she developed a good library of Bible study helps. God used her to influence many who are now in some aspect of Christian ministry.

When I entered her class after attending liberal churches during my younger years, I was impressed that this teacher really knew the Bible. And she seemed to know God, not just talk about Him. My previous church had not brought any understanding of personal sin. But after two months in Mrs. Underwood's class, I was acutely aware that I was a lost sinner. God's Holy Spirit

had used this quiet, unassuming woman to bring me under conviction of sin. When I responded to the invitation after a morning service, it was Mrs. Underwood who led me to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus.

Approximately 20 years later, Mrs. Underwood came to live with me while she worked in the college post office. Early in the morning I would hear her pouring out her love and petitions to God. I counted myself blessed to have been prayed for by this godly friend.

She is with the Lord now. I praise God for her faithful life and for her challenge to be like Christ.

Friend, perhaps some godly person has told you about Jesus Christ — the One who died in your place for your sin, the One who can give you new life and can enable you to live in a godly manner. The Bible states, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

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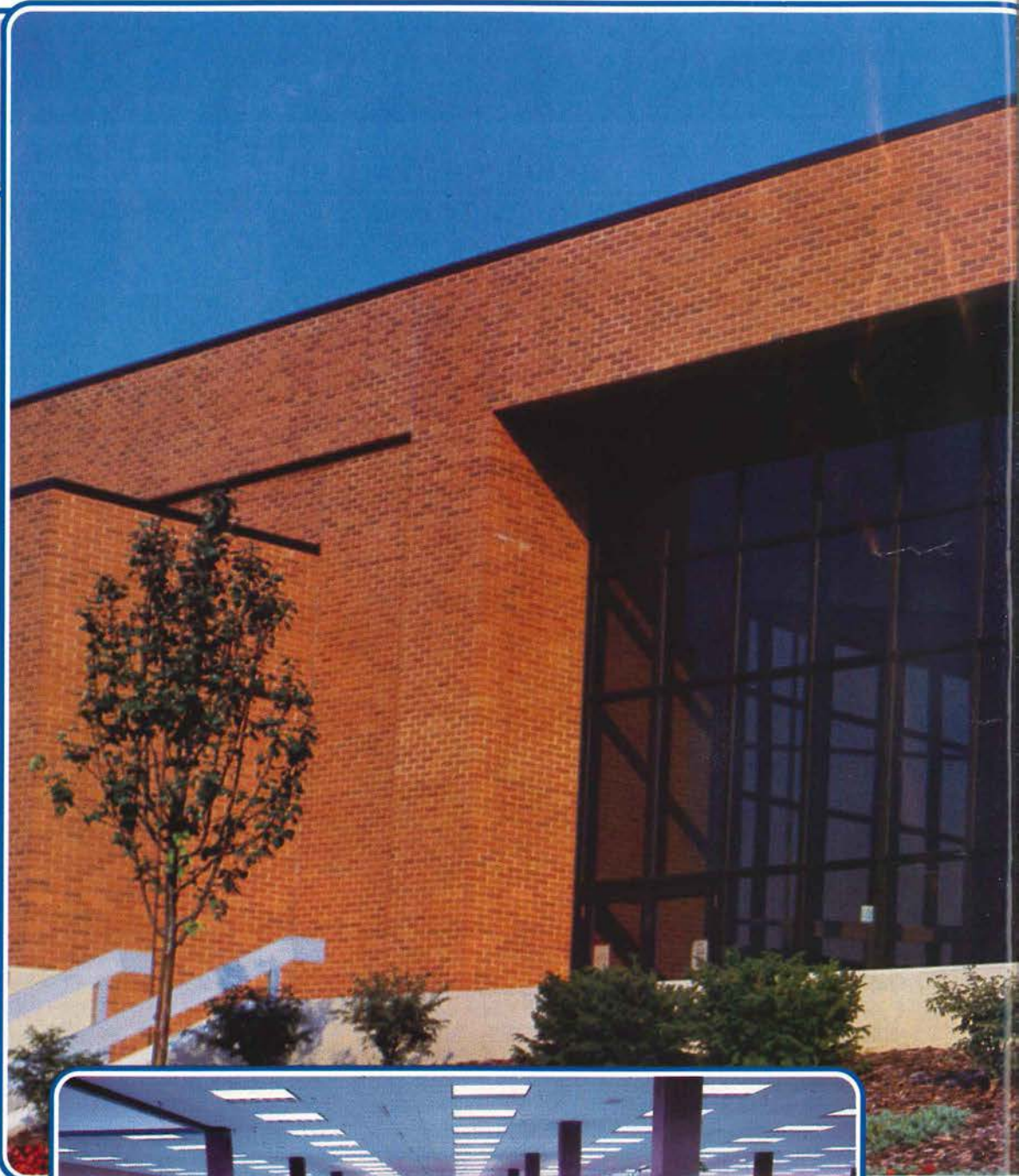
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Library Update

The Centennial Library — a tribute to the grace of God, and an example of His provision — was dedicated to His glory and to the use of our college family on Saturday, October 17, during the Homecoming festivities. Completion of the \$4.35 million facility was the capstone of a year of centennial activities and was the major emphasis of the Centennial Campaign which also addressed general fund and endowment needs.

Some friends of Cedarville have offered a challenge grant to help finish the funding of the Library. They will give the College \$350,000 if other gifts and commitments for the Library total \$4 million by January, 1988. Corporate matching gifts count toward meeting the challenge. With over \$3.4 already committed to the project, friends of the college can have the joy of seeing the building paid for in full as they contribute to "The Fund for a Quality Finish."

The 67,000 square foot Centennial Library will allow collection growth to 250,000 volumes. Computer links for interlibrary loans access over 2,000 libraries. The new facility includes a Media Production Center, special collections and archives, a resource center for education students, a video studio and control room, and a state-of-the-art computerized language-learning lab.





President Dixon addresses the large Homecoming crowd which gathered for the dedication ceremonies. Seated on the library plaza are trustees, administrators, library staff, architects, and various committees which had a part in the planning of the Centennial Library.



Dr. William Brock, chairman of Cedarville College board of trustees, applies mortar to the Centennial Library cornerstone during dedication of the Centennial Library.

Bible Department Profile

Can an individual receive excellent undergraduate preparation for the pastorate, mission field, or other ministry at a liberal arts college?

"There's no better place," according to Dr. Robert Gromacki, chairman of the Department of Biblical Education at Cedarville College.

Gromacki cites not only the credentials and quality of experience of the Bible faculty and the depth of the Bible curriculum, but also the breadth of opportunity for Bible majors to take elective courses available in over 40 other areas of study at Cedarville.

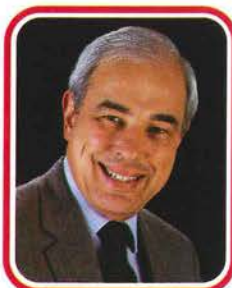
"Future pastors and lay ministers benefit tremendously from course work taken in such areas as business, communication arts, psychology, social science, and education," states Gromacki.

Biblical Education is Cedarville's fourth largest major with alumni serving in ministries worldwide.



Holding degrees from Baptist Bible, Dallas, and Grace Theological Seminaries, **Dr. Robert Gromacki** has chaired the Department of Biblical Education since 1967. A popular speaker and author of 12 books, he has escorted students to the Institute of Holy Land Studies in Jerusalem for summer studies.

Dr. Jack Riggs joined the Bible Department in 1967 following pastorates in Van Wert and Lima, Ohio. A graduate of Taylor University and Grace and Dallas Theological Seminaries, Dr. Riggs has authored *Hosea's Heartbreak*, a treatise on the Old Testament prophet, as well as numerous articles and Sunday school materials.



Dr. Richard Durham came to Cedarville in 1976 after serving for 20 years as a missionary under ABWE in the Philippines. A frequent contributor to TORCH magazine, Dr. Durham is a graduate of Wheaton College and Faith and Grace Theological Seminaries.



W. David Warren is a graduate of Cedarville College and Dallas Theological Seminary. After serving in the pastorate and teaching for several years at Faith Baptist Bible College, Professor Warren returned to Cedarville in 1980. He speaks often in churches, conferences, and camps.



Jean Fisher has taught church education classes at Cedarville for over 30 years. A graduate of Baptist Bible Seminary and Wheaton College Graduate School, Miss Fisher has authored both senior high and primary Sunday school curricula for Regular Baptist Press.



Dr. Lee L. Kantenwein came to Cedarville College in 1986. He holds degrees from Baptist Bible College and Grace Theological Seminary and taught at the latter for 15 years. He also taught at the Belgian Bible Institute near Brussels. Dr. Kantenwein has served six churches as interim pastor and authored the text *Diagrammatical Analysis*.



Floyd S. Elmore brought to the department his experience as a missionary under Baptist Mid-Missions in Honduras. A graduate of Cedarville College and Dallas Theological Seminary, he is completing a doctoral program at Dallas. He returned to teach at Cedarville in 1985.



Dr. Gary Percesepe received degrees from Cedarville College, University of Denver, Conservative Baptist Seminary, and St. Louis University. In 1983, he arrived to teach philosophy. He is also the director of Cedarville's Honors Program.



Daniel J. Estes, a graduate of Cedarville College and Dallas Theological Seminary, is presently pursuing doctoral studies at Cambridge University, England. He served as an assistant pastor before returning to teach at Cedarville in 1984.

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Campus News

North Central Association of Colleges and Schools has extended the accreditation of Cedarville College for ten years, the longest period that the Association grants. In preparation for North Central's review of the college in April, Cedarville underwent a three-year self-evaluation under the leadership of Dr. Lila Seaman.

This Fall Quarter the College was blessed with a ninth consecutive record enrollment: 1862 students.

"Let Them Know" is the theme for the 1987 National Informissions Conference to be held on the Cedarville College Campus December 28-31, 1987. Speakers include Dr. Warren Wiersbe, Dr. Paul Dixon, Dr. J. Don Jennings, Dr. Wendell Kempton, Dr. Sumner Wemp and Dr. Raymond Buck. Don Krueger will provide special music.

Within the past year, three colleges have called Cedarville graduates to serve as their presidents. Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Illinois, called Dr. Joseph M. Stowell III '66; Spurgeon Baptist Bible College, Mulberry, Florida, Dr. Elvin K. Mattison '73; and Faith Baptist Bible College, Ankeny, Iowa, Dr. Robert Domokos '62.

Cedarville's new Honors Program, designed to meet the educational needs of our ablest and most highly motivated students, is in place. According to Dr. Gary Percesepe, director, the curriculum enriches existing academic programs.

The Cedarville College Brass Choir leaves December 9, 1987, for a concert tour in Israel. Under the direction of Professor Charles Pagnard, the group will perform in a number of cities including Nazareth, Jerusalem, and Bethlehem, where they will play in Manger Square on Christmas Eve. The group returns January 5.

The Business Administration Department recently received a \$33,750 grant from the Cleveland Foundation Statewide Program for Business and Management Education (PBME). Cedarville's grant was awarded to fund a study of "Ethics in the Business Environment." According to Dr. Clifford Fawcett, director of the study, a series of workshops will present faculty with opportunities to identify ethical issues, to evaluate and redesign curriculum to include a greater amount of ethical content, and to interact with corporate leaders and with peers from other educational institutions.

VHS video tapes of the Centennial Homecoming historical drama "As the Cedar Grows," are available. Send check or money order for \$22.50 (tape: \$19.95; shipping and handling: \$2.55) to: Centennial Office, Cedarville College, Box 601, Cedarville, OH 45314.

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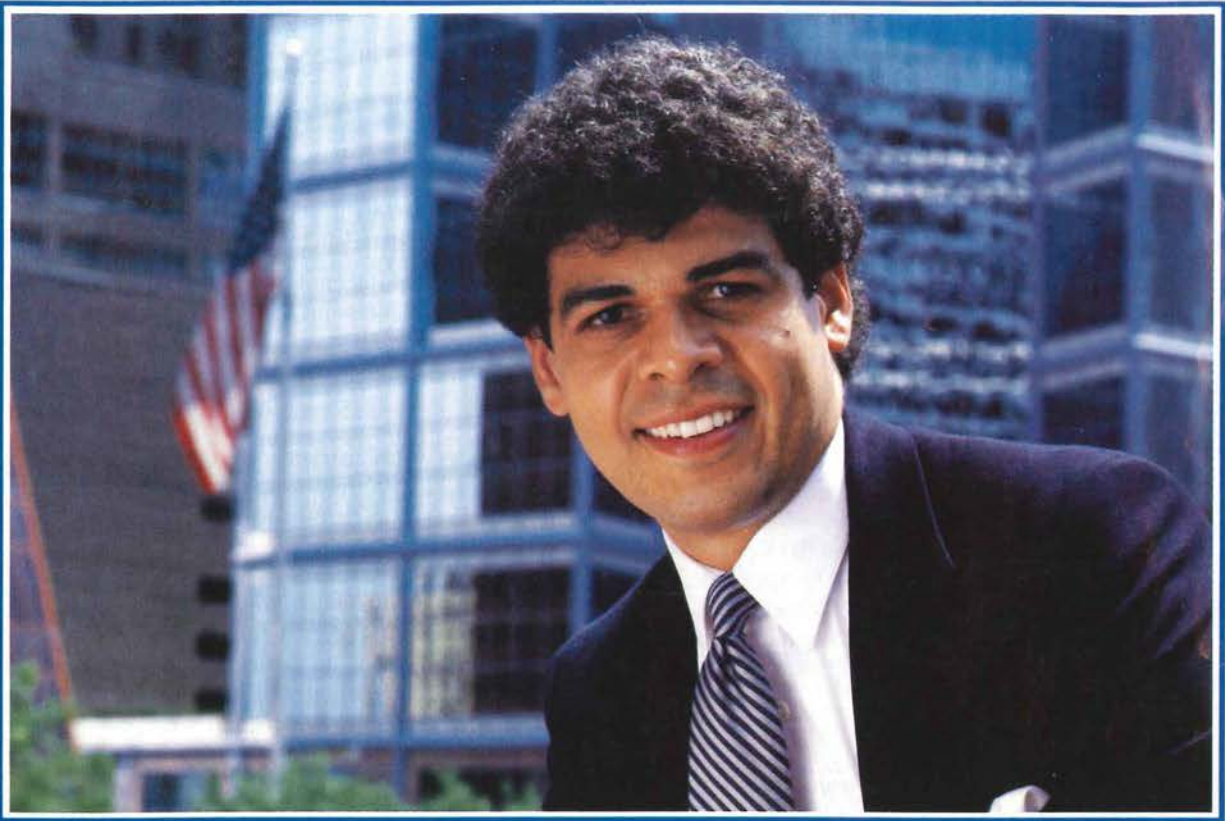
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"Months Before I Graduated From Cedarville, A Major Corporation Hired Me"

My name is Josias Lima.

My fine preparation at Cedarville College was instrumental in my being hired by General Mills before I graduated. Now, five years later, I have established my own business; I am an investment advisor, and I am doing very well, for which I am thankful to the Lord.

Cedarville's well-rounded, Christian liberal arts program allowed me to add to my business program courses from other disciplines which made me more flexible and capable of pursuing more than just one career path. Committed Christian professors taught me to think and to communicate -- important skills in today's world.

Balancing the strong academic program was a healthy spiritual emphasis that included daily chapel and the integration of biblical principles into the classroom experience. My faith matured, and I was even able to travel back to my native Brazil with a Missionary Internship Service team.

If your son or daughter is thinking about college, send for more information about Cedarville's well-rounded Christian liberal arts program. It gave me fine career preparation in a Christian setting where I could grow spiritually.

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